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Downtown Power Washing Efforts to begin Tuesday, July 10

The Public Works Department will power wash and then seal sidewalks along High Street.



MORGANTOWN – The City of Morgantown has made plans to acquire and use power washing equipment in the downtown area over the next two months.

Arrangements have been made to rent a large power washing system from McHenry Power Cleaning Systems from Frederick, Maryland for two months. The power washer is a trailer-mounted unit that will use high pressure and steam to clean and disinfect the sidewalks and remove gum deposits.

The power washing equipment is scheduled to be picked up Monday, July 9, 2012, and work will begin the next day, on Tuesday, July 10. A two-man crew will take advantage of the hours when pedestrian traffic is at a minimum, beginning at 4 p.m. and working until noon. After the crew cleans a section, it will then be followed up with a sealant for the areas of stamped concrete, like the stamped brick pattern in the crosswalks. Sealed areas may be barricaded off to prevent pedestrian traffic from marring the seal.

Public Works plans to address High Street sidewalks first. The other downtown sidewalks will be done afterwards, going from Willey Street to Foundry Street, and Spruce Street to Chestnut Street. If crews can get these sidewalks done before the two-month rental is up, then other areas can be addressed. Possibilities include Hazel Ruby McQuain Park, the Public Safety Building, and other City facilities.

If you have questions, please contact Terry Hough, Director of Public Works and Engineering, in her office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 304-291-7412 or though@cityofmorgantown.org.

